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FROM : Deputy Chief, Technical Intelligence Branch

SUBJECT: Preparation of Target Area Analysis Radar (TAAR) Studies,
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2. The importance of the accuracy of these radar target predictions and simulations for target study, mission planning and bombing execution cannot be over emphasized. The time involved in preparation of TAAR studies and their utilization in subsequent target materials is considerable, therefore the early preparation of up-to-date TAAR studies is highly desirable.

3. By far the most accurate and complete source material available for preparation of TAAR studies is aerial photography. To date, TAAR studies have been prepared utilizing World War II aerial photography and other source material, such as ground photos, PW reports, attache reports, etc. The aerial photography, however, is both out of date and is limited [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Therefore, current HTA material provides a wealth of new, up to date, information, which makes many previously prepared TAAR studies obsolete and incomplete. Thus, it is highly desirable to utilize HTA materials to revise present TAAR studies.

4. A security problem is posed in utilizing HTA materials in TAAR study preparation if the resulting TAAR study is released for distribution outside the Talent control system. It would be obvious to anyone analyzing such a TAAR study that such accurate, complete, detailed information could only have been obtained from aerial photography of recent date. To camouflage the TAAR study sufficiently to remove it from Talent control would defeat the desired purpose.

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5. It is suggested that TAAR studies be prepared from HTA materials and utilized as much as possible within the bounds of the Talent control system. While their usefulness would be restricted, they would be immediately available if conditions develop necessitating their use.

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